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U.S. DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

**Mar 21, 2024**

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

LURISSA JO FLETT,

Defendants.

Nos. 2:23-CR-00103-SAB-2

ORDER FOLLOWING DETENTION  
REVIEW HEARING

**MOTION GRANTED  
(ECF No. 43)**

On March 19, 2024, the Court held a detention review hearing to consider Defendant LURISSA JO FLETT's Motion to Modify Detention Order and to Release Defendant to Inpatient Treatment, **ECF No. 43**. Defendant appeared while in custody with court-appointed counsel Frank Cikutovich. Assistant U.S. Attorney Timothy Ohms represented the United States. U.S. Probation Officer Patrick J. Dennis was also present. Members of Defendant's family were in Court in support of Defendant.

Defendant, through counsel, presented a proposed temporary release plan for Defendant to attend inpatient substance abuse treatment. Specifically, Defendant seeks **release to American Behavioral Health Services (ABHS), an inpatient substance abuse treatment facility on March 22, 2024, at 1:00 p.m., or as soon as possible thereafter**, to avail herself of inpatient substance abuse treatment.

1 The United States presented argument against Defendant's release to  
2 inpatient treatment. While the United States opposes Defendant's release plan, the  
3 Government also requested that if Defendant is released, the Court require  
4 Defendant to return to custody upon completion of inpatient substance abuse  
5 treatment. U.S. Probation does not oppose Defendant's release plan.

6 Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3142, the Court has taken into account the:  
7 1) nature and circumstances of the offense charged; 2) the weight of the evidence  
8 against Defendant; 3) Defendant's history and characteristics, including character,  
9 physical and mental condition, family ties, employment, financial resources, length  
10 of residence in the community, community ties, past conduct and history relating  
11 to alcohol and drug abuse, and also criminal history, record concerning appearance  
12 at court proceedings, whether Defendant was under supervision at the time of the  
13 alleged offense; and 4) the nature and seriousness of the danger to the community  
14 posed by Defendant's release. The Court has also considered the rebuttable  
15 presumption of detention pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3142(e)(3)(A) as this case  
16 involves an offense under Title 21. *See* ECF No. 36 at 3.

17 First, while the presumption of detention shifts the burden of production to  
18 Defendant, the ultimate burden of persuasion on Defendant's flight risk and danger  
19 to the community remains with the Government. *United States v. Hir*, 517 F.3d  
20 1081, 1086 (9th Cir. 2008). When a defendant presents evidence to rebut the  
21 presumption arising under 18 U.S.C. § 3142(e)(3), the presumption itself still  
22 mitigates against the defendant's release, and is "to be weighed along with other  
23 evidence relevant to factors listed in § 3142(g)." *Id.* (quoting *United States v.*  
24 *Dominguez*, 783 F.2d 702, 707 (7th Cir. 1986)). Here, the Court finds Defendant  
25 has presented sufficient evidence to rebut the presumption of detention for the  
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1 purposes of temporary release from custody to attend inpatient substance abuse  
2 treatment.

3 Second, as stated during the hearing, the Court finds that the United States  
4 has not established by the required preponderance of evidence that no conditions or  
5 combination of conditions of release would reasonably assure Defendant's  
6 presence at trial and the United States has not established by clear and convincing  
7 evidence that there are no conditions the Court could impose that would reasonably  
8 assure Defendant is not a risk to the safety of other persons or the community if  
9 Defendant is temporarily released to attend inpatient substance abuse treatment.  
10 Rather, the Court finds the conditions set forth below will reasonably assure  
11 Defendant's appearance and reasonably assure the safety of other persons and the  
12 community while Defendant is temporarily released for the purpose of attending  
13 inpatient substance abuse treatment.

14 Accordingly, the Court finding good cause, **IT IS ORDERED:**

15 1. Defendant's Motion, **ECF No. 43** is **GRANTED**.

16 2. Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3142(i), Defendant shall be released a an  
17 ABHS staff escort who will transport her to the ABHS inpatient substance abuse  
18 facility **on March 22, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.** **PROVIDED** that Defendant's treatment  
19 and release from custody is on the express condition that treatment does not hinder  
20 or delay the adjudication of this case, and that the Defendant appear in person  
21 when required regardless of treatment status and maintain adequate contact with  
22 defense counsel.

23 3. Defense counsel shall file a proposed release plan prior to a status  
24 hearing if Defendant seeks continued release following successful completion of  
25 inpatient substance abuse treatment.  
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1           4.     If a party seeks party seeks reconsideration of Defendant's detention  
2 before this Court because of material and newly discovered circumstances pursuant  
3 to 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f), any such motion shall be a maximum of four-pages in  
4 length and shall succinctly state what circumstances are new, how they are  
5 established, and the requested change in conditions of release. The motion shall  
6 indicate whether opposing counsel; United States Probation/Pretrial Services; or  
7 another party with a substantial interest in the motion objects, whether a hearing is  
8 desired, and whether a supplemental pretrial services report is requested. If the  
9 moving party, after the exercise of due diligence, is unable to determine the  
10 position of any party listed above, the moving party may in the alternative  
11 document the date; time; and manner of each effort made to determine that party's  
12 position and request the Court treat the motion as expedited and submitted without  
13 argument. **Motions in Spokane cases shall be heard as set by the Spokane**  
14 **Magistrate Judge Courtroom Deputy. Yakima cases shall be heard on the**  
15 **following Wednesday docket, and Richland cases shall be heard on the**  
16 **following Thursday docket.** If the Court determines that oral argument is  
17 unnecessary on the motion, the motion shall be set for decision on the Court's 6:30  
18 p.m. docket.

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20           5.     If a party desires If a party desires that another court review this Order  
21 pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3145, that party shall promptly file a motion for review  
22 before the district judge to whom the case is assigned, as further described in the  
23 Detention Order Review Protocol published for the Eastern District of Washington.  
24 Both parties shall cooperate to ensure that the motion is promptly determined.

25           6.     **Absent further order of the Court, Defendant shall return to the**  
26 **custody of the U.S. Marshal upon completion of treatment.** While temporarily  
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released from the U.S. Marshal's custody, Defendant shall be subject to the following conditions:

<b>GENERAL CONDITIONS</b>	
<b>1</b>	Defendant shall not commit any offense in violation of federal, state, or local, or tribal law. Defendant shall advise the supervising Pretrial Services Officer and defense counsel within one business day of any charge, arrest, or contact with law enforcement. Defendant shall not work for the United States government or any federal or state law enforcement agency, including tribal agencies, without providing notice to United States Probation. Defendant shall comply with all conditions of supervision imposed by other courts.
<b>2</b>	Defendant shall report to the United States Probation Office before or immediately after release and shall report as often as they direct, at such times and in such manner as they direct.
<b>3</b>	Defendant shall sign and complete A.O. Form 199C before being released. Defendant shall reside at the inpatient substance abuse treatment facility at all times unless authorized by the Court.
<b>4</b>	Defendant shall appear at all proceedings as required and shall surrender for service of any sentence imposed as directed.
<b>5</b>	Defendant shall not possess a firearm, destructive device, or other dangerous weapon. There shall be no firearms where Defendant resides.
<b>6</b>	Defendant is further advised, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 922(n), it is unlawful for any person who is under indictment for a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year, to ship or transport in interstate or foreign commerce any firearm or ammunition or receive any firearm or ammunition which has been shipped or transported in interstate or foreign commerce.
<b>7</b>	Defendant shall surrender any passport and enhanced driver's license to Pretrial Services and shall not apply for replacements and shall not apply for any travel documents and/or a passport for any country.
<b>8</b>	Defendant shall remain in the Eastern District of Washington while the case is pending. Defendant may be permitted to travel outside this

	geographical area <i>with advance notice and approval</i> from U.S. Probation.
<b>9</b>	Defendant shall have no contact whatsoever, direct or indirect, with any persons Defendant knows or reasonably should know are or may become a victim or potential witness in the subject investigation or prosecution. Prohibited forms of contact include, but are not limited to, telephone, mail, email, text, video, social media, and/or any contact through any third person or parties. Pretrial Services may but is not required to exempt specific named individuals from this prohibition, including but not limited to immediate family members or co-workers.
<b>10</b>	Defendant shall contact defense counsel at least once a week.
<b>INPATIENT TREATMENT AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES</b>	
<b>11</b>	Defendant shall immediately enter into and successfully complete an inpatient treatment program at the in-patient facility at ABHS. Pretrial Services will monitor Defendant while in treatment. Defendant shall comply with all directives of the U.S. Probation Officer. Prior to commencing any evaluation or treatment program, Defendant shall provide waivers of confidentiality permitting the United States Probation Office and the treatment provider to exchange without qualification, in any form and at any time, any and all information or records related to Defendant's conditions of release and supervision, and evaluation, treatment and performance in the program. It shall be the responsibility of defense counsel to provide such waivers.
<b>12</b>	<b>Controlled Substances Prohibition:</b> Defendant shall not use or possess any narcotic drug or other controlled substances as defined in 21 U.S.C. § 802, unless prescribed by a licensed medical practitioner in conformance with Federal law. Defendant may not use or possess marijuana, regardless of whether Defendant has been authorized to use medical marijuana under state law and regardless of whether marijuana is legal under state law.
<b>13</b>	<b>Prohibited Substance Testing:</b> <u>Defendant shall submit to random controlled substance testing as required by the inpatient substance abuse treatment facility at any frequency directed by the facility. Pretrial Services may supplement any controlled substance testing and such supplemental testing shall not exceed six (6) times per month.</u> Defendant shall submit to any method of testing required by the inpatient substance abuse treatment facility and/or Pretrial Services for determining whether the Defendant is using a prohibited substance.

	Such methods may be used with random frequency and include urine testing, the wearing of a sweat patch, a remote alcohol testing system, and/or any form of prohibited substance screening or testing. Defendant shall not in any way obstruct or attempt to obstruct or tamper with the efficiency and accuracy of prohibited substance testing.
<b>14</b>	<b>Alcohol Prohibition:</b> Defendant shall not use or possess any alcoholic beverage. There shall be no alcohol where Defendant resides. Defendant shall not go to any establishment where alcohol is the primary item of sale.
<b>15</b>	If Defendant terminates any substance abuse and/or mental health treatment program before it is completed, the treatment provider and Defendant shall immediately notify the U.S. Probation Officer, and Defendant shall immediately return to the custody of the U.S. Marshal.
<b>16</b>	<b><u>Following inpatient substance abuse treatment, Defendant shall return to the custody of the U.S. Marshal Service.</u></b>

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

DATED March 21, 2024.



  
 JAMES A. GOEKE  
 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE